

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

ORGAN DONATION MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS), more than 98,000 people are waiting for organ transplants nationally and according to Carolina Donor Services (CDS), more than 3,000 of those people are in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the UNOS, there is a severe shortage of organ donors; and

WHEREAS, according to the UNOS, more than 6,000 people will die each year, one every 90 minutes, while waiting for a transplant due to this shortage of organ donors; and

WHEREAS, according to the UNOS, more than 48,000 people will join this list this year, one every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS, according to the UNOS, the list is growing five times faster than the rate of organ donation; and

WHEREAS, according to the UNOS, research shows that 50% of those on the transplant list will die before receiving an organ, and that means that 1,500 North Carolinians might die; and

WHEREAS, dispelling facts and myths about donation is key to making an informed decision about becoming a donor; and

WHEREAS, each donor can save up to eight lives through donation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians are encouraged to get the facts about donation and discuss their wishes with their families and physicians and if they decide to become donors, sign a legal donor card, put the heart on their license, and enroll on the donor list on the internet;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2008, as "**ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capital City of Raleigh this twenty-second day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.